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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM
RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE OF US-UK AGREEMENT TO BEGIN
JOINT CONSULTATIONS ON RHODESIA

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT YOU APPROVE FOLLOWING DRAFT
TELEGRAM TO BE COORDINATED WITH BRITISH BY AMEMBASSY LONDON
AND AUTHORIZE ITS TRANSMISSION TO EMBASSY CAPE TOWN.

APPROVE:

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SUBJECT: INFORMING RHODESIAN REP OF US-UK AGREEMENT TO
BEGIN JOINT CONSULTATIONS ON RHODESIA

1. AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY YOU SHOULD SEE HAROLD HAWKINS
AND ASK HIM TO INFORM SMITH OF US-UK AGREEMENT ON NEXT
STEPS IN RHODESIAN NEGOTIATING PROCESS, USING TALKING

POINTS IN PARA 2 AND INFORM-
ING HTM THAT WE AND BRITISH ARE PLANNING MAKE SIMULTANEOUS
ANNOUNCEMENT ALONG LINES OF DRAFT TEXT IN SEPTTEL INSTRUCTING
YOU TO APPROACH BOTHA OR FOURIE.

2. TALKING POINTS:

A. THE U.S. AND U.K. ARE PLANNING TO ANNOUNCE
SIMULTANEOUSLY THE NEXT STEPS IN RHODESIA NEGOTIAIONS ON OR
BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MAY 11. WE FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU
TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR PLANS ARE BEFORE PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.

B. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS AGREED TO BECOME MORE
ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A RHODESIAN
SETTLEMENT THAN WE HAVE HITHERTO BEEN.

C. CONTINUED VIOLENCE IN RHODESIA INCREASES THE POSSIBILITY
OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION. A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS THERE-
FORE OF GROWING URGENCY.

D. WE HAVE CONSULTED CLOSELY
WITH THE BRITISH AND AGREE
WITH THEM THAT CONSULTATIONS ABOUT AN INDEPENDENCE CONST-
ITUTION AND THE NECESSARY TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS COULD
HELP ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE
AGREED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM IN CARRYING OUT A NEW PHASE
OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES THAT WERE
PRESENT AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

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E. WE BELIEVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO
PROVIDE SOME BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AMONG THE PARTIES AND FOR
A SETTLEMENT. IT WOULD BE FUTILE TO RUSH INTO ANOTHER
CONFERENCE BEFORE THERE IS SOME AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCI-
PLES.

F. WE SEE OUR ROLE IN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS AS FACIL-
ITATING AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES AND HELPING THE
BRITISH SEEK A REAL BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT.

G. IF THERE IS PROGRESS IN THE CONSULTATIONS, WE ARE
PREPARED TO ASK THE FRONT LINE STATES TO URGE THE NATIONAL-
ISTS TO ACCEPT A JUST SETTLEMENT. THERE ARE LIMITS TO OUR
ABILITY, BUT WE BELIEVE WE CAN HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE INFLU-
ENCE.

H. TO PURSUE THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, THE U.S. WILL
ASSIGN A SENIOR OFFICIAL TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE HEAD OF
THE GROUP. OCCASIONAL VISITS TO RHODESIA MAY BE NECESSARY
AND THE US OFFICIAL WILL ACCOMPANY WHEN APPROPRIATE.

I. WE WILL CONDUCT CONSULTATIONS JOINTLY WITH THE BRITISH
OR SEPARATELY DEPENDING ON THE WISHES OF THE INDIVIDUAL
PARTIES.

J. WE DO NOT WISH OURSELVES TO NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS
OF A CONSTITUTION. THIS SHOULD PROPERLY BE LEFT TO THOSE
IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED AND THE U.K. CHRISTOPHER

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